

Dear State Senate Leaders,

I support the need for a Blue Plan as proposed in Senate Bill 312.

SB 312 establishes a Blue Plan Advisory Committee, to include state agencies as well as representatives for the environment, marine trades, industry, municipal leadership, and other stakeholders. It directs the Committee and the Office of Policy and Management to work together on an inventory of the Sound's resources and where and how they're used. This information would then be gathered in a comprehensive "Blue Plan" designed to protect traditional uses, plan for future uses, and prevent potential conflicts before they start. This is an essential step to protect the Northeast's largest estuary and its highly productive natural habitats, fisheries, and tourism economy.

Please support SB 312 and oppose HB 5417 and protect our precious environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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